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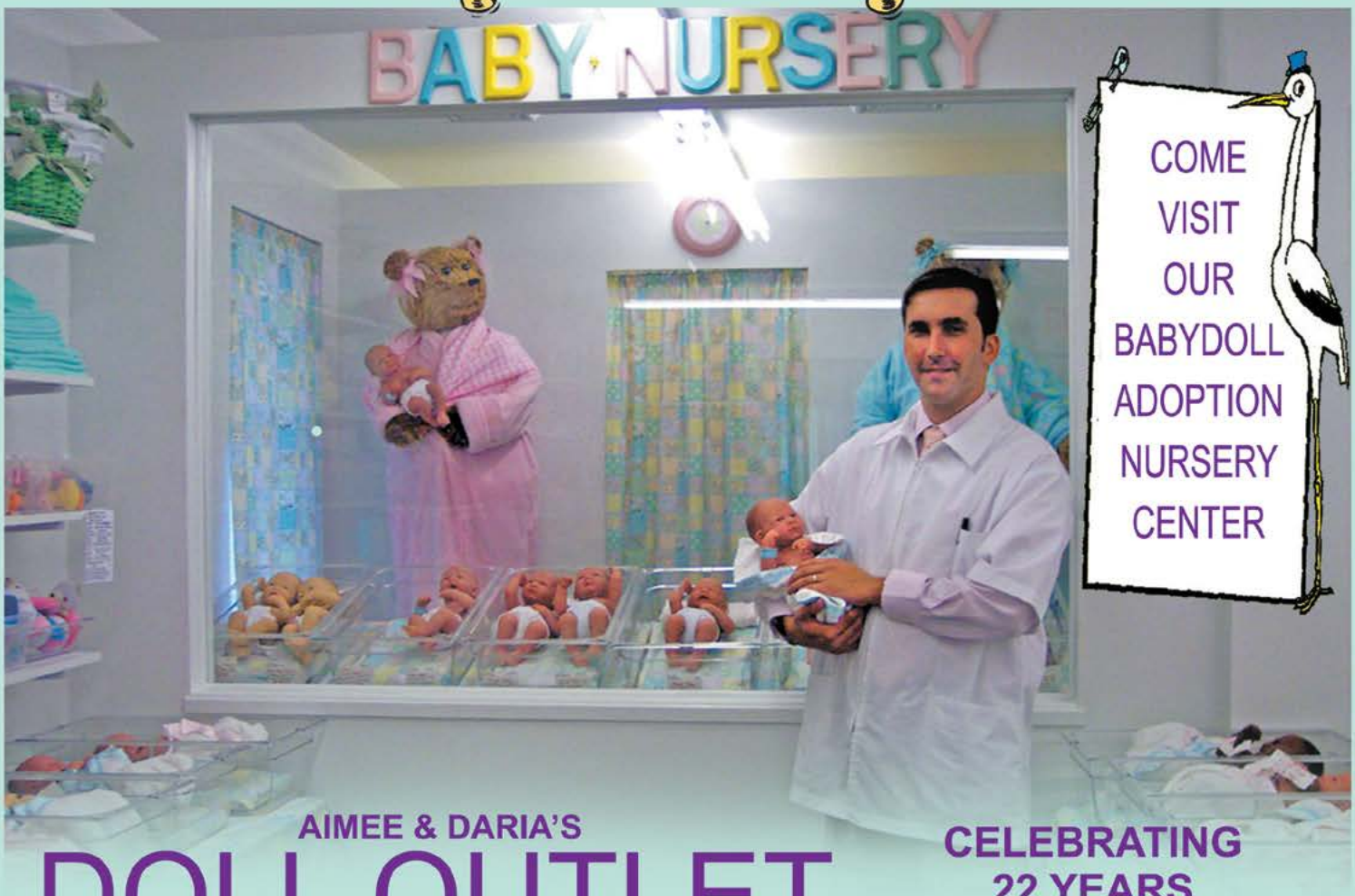

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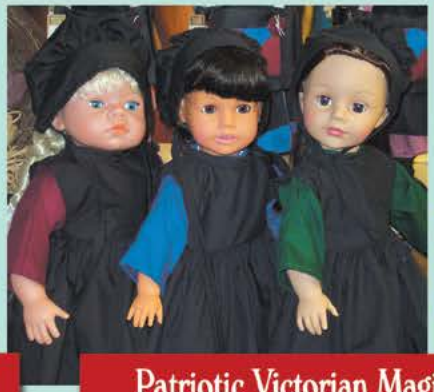

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Today, the Dutch Haven staple is still "America's Best Shoo Fly Pie." All you have to do is pass through the door and you will be offered a sample taste of this famous pie—warmed and topped with whipped cream, just like it was always served in the restaurant, years ago.

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As always at Dutch Haven, the famous pie that was featured in Time magazine is just part of the story. The windmill building now houses one of, if not the best, selections of primitive Amish pine furniture in the area. Corner cupboards, pie safes, chests, and shelves are all available. Hundreds of pieces of Amish woodcrafts fill what once were the dining rooms of this wonderful old building. In addition, thousands of other items from pot holders to copper crafts, T-shirts, small wood crafts, a stunning selection of pottery, and much more make Dutch Haven a true shopping experience.

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About "Ask Uncle Amos"

By Brad Igou

For each of the more than 25 years that *Amish Country News* has been in print, we have continued to receive interesting, indeed often challenging, questions from our readers and subscribers. Several recurring inquiries involve readers interested in becoming Amish. We call them "seekers," and try to offer realistic advice on what that might mean. The fact is that it is extremely rare to become Amish from the "outside."

Many questions we receive address specific aspects of Amish life, religion, or culture. A few years ago, we decided to print some of these questions and answer them. We created a fictitious "Uncle Amos" who would be our Amish voice. At times, our response was a matter of research or a reflection on personal experience, but almost always we talked to Amish we knew to be sure we were providing accurate information.

One man, more than any other, became a resource for many of these short articles. However he, like many Amish who collaborate with researchers or reporters, wished to remain anonymous. In fact, most Amish feel reluctant to be a spokesperson for "all of the Amish." As those who interview the Amish soon discover, not all Amish have the same opinion!

Responses often required a lot of time, as we combined personal observations, thoughts of different Amish men and women, and resource books and materials on the Amish. "Uncle Amos" helped to reinforce the idea that this was one man's answer, and allowed us to write in a first person rather than in a learned academic style.

Some of the questions "Uncle Amos" tackled were:

- *How many Amish are there and where do they live?*
- *What does "Pennsylvania Dutch" really mean?*
- *Where do the words "Amish" and "Mennonite" come from?*
- *Are Amish horses a special breed and are they trained by their owners?*
- *How are Amish carriages made?*
- *Can you give us an "insider's look" at what happens at a church service?*
- *How do you become a minister in the Amish church?*

Recently, we decided to resurrect our good Uncle and use him as a device once again to both talk about different aspects of Amish culture and, where it was practical, relate some answers to the businesses of our advertisers, themselves steeped in local culture. Thus, as you read through this issue, you'll see answers to questions combined with information about Amish Country businesses, a unique "advertorial" approach to advertising and editorial.

We also pose to Uncle Amos a question about Amish bonnets, which you will find in the "Publisher's Message" of this issue. The answer was a collaboration between myself and the original "Uncle Amos." It's the kind of article you'll only find in *Amish Country News*, using the words of various Amish, some of whom are no longer with us, taken from letters and interviews. Even I was surprised to learn that bonnets were once not permitted to be worn by Amish women. Who knew? But then, when you start tackling questions, sometimes you find unexpected answers.

I hope you enjoy this issue, with the efforts of many sources and writers, all under the guise of good old "Uncle Amos."

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Ask Uncle Amos: Are there Amish Artists? Painters? Writers?

By Clinton Martin

Uncle Amos: The Amish don't typically seek fame and fortune as artists in the sense that seeking "fifteen minutes of fame" is not on our bucket list. I suppose in this internet-infused world I should also say the Amish don't try to "go viral." But, there are many Amish graced with artistic talent. I know of a few Amish ladies who write novels, even one Amish lady who does paintings. And then there's the Amish fellow I know that uses geometric concentric circles and shapes to create spiraling industrial works of art using (get this) a laptop computer.

More commonly, we Amish express our artistic nature in a tidy and well-kept home, decorated simply yet warmly, a pristine flower bed with luscious color and not a weed in sight, or perhaps an aesthetically pleasing hand-sewn quilt, a work of art to be sure. I've got a cousin who helps out as a grounds keeper at Village Greens Mini Golf, which to be honest boasts landscaping rivaling most formal gardens.

Village Greens Mini Golf is, of course, a great, fun place to test your putting prowess, on two different courses. But the 13 acres of manicured grounds make this mini golf course truly unique, and that's one of the reasons why Village Greens is voted above other local mini golf courses by readers of local newspapers, Trip Advisor, etc. I suppose my cousin would humbly accept some of the credit for the grounds being so beautiful.

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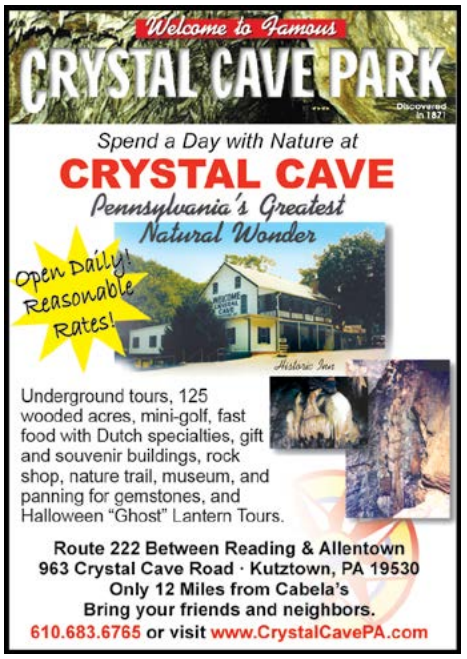
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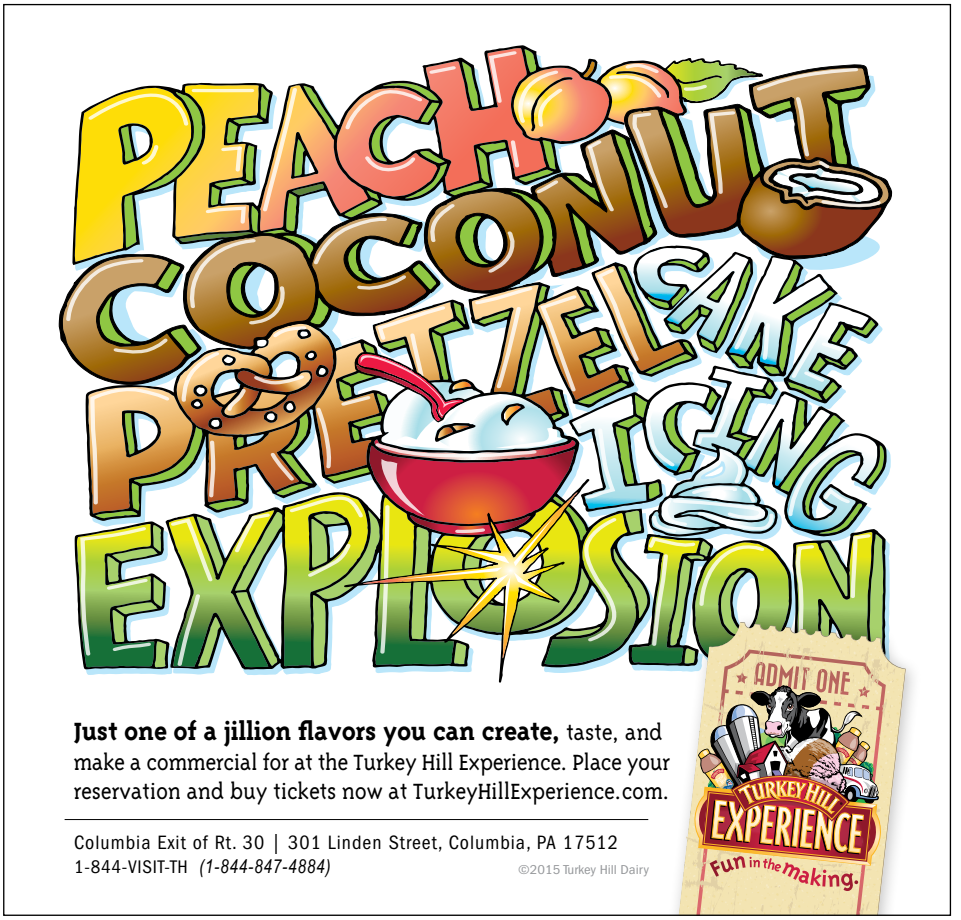
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Ask Uncle Amos: Where do You Like to Go for Both Fun and Ice Cream?

By Clinton Martin

Uncle Amos: I've got a pretty strong sweet tooth, as do many of my Amish friends. We love going to get ice cream, and there are many favorite places in Lancaster County. But my kids especially like it when I take them to Water's Edge Mini Golf. For ice cream? Let me explain...

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Ask Uncle Amos: What Does It Really Mean To Be Amish? Mennonite?

By Clinton Martin

Uncle Amos: Good question, and to be honest there's the long answer, the really long answer, and then the more succinct answer that most visitors are probably looking for. Some of my cousins are involved with the Mennonite Information Center, which is not only focused on Mennonite history and heritage, but also on the Amish, too.

"Who Are the Amish" is a three-screen feature shown daily at the Mennonite Information Center.

If you go back far enough in church history, the Amish and the Mennonites share a common origin as Anabaptists. So it's also a good place to answer another common question, "What's the difference between Amish and Mennonite?"

The Mennonite Information Center gets into who the Amish are, and who the Mennonites are, with private guided tours, two movies, a walkthrough exhibit, and a gift shop stocking not only Amish and Mennonite goods, but also fair-trade and mission-minded crafts from around the world.

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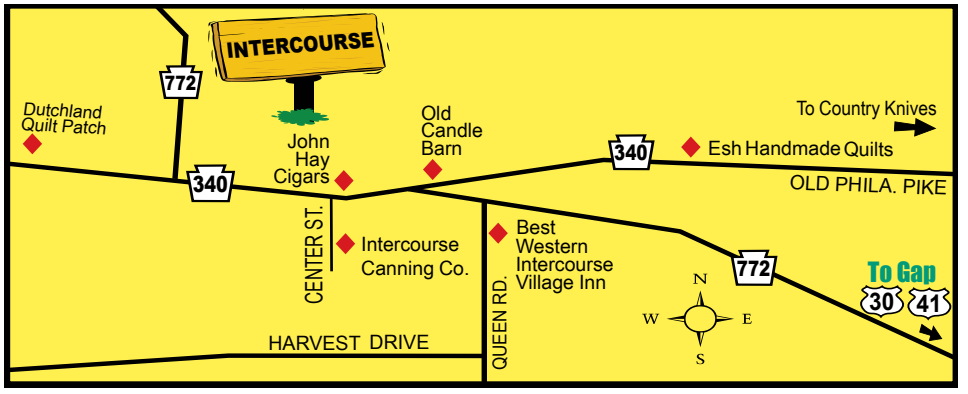

Perhaps no other town in the entire country can claim its fame on just one simple thing --- its name. Harrison Ford drove a buggy past the road sign on a memorable visit in the Hollywood blockbuster hit of the movie "Witness." For years people have postmarked “Intercourse” on envelopes, and the jokes from visitors who travel through Bird-in-Hand to Intercourse are endless. There are several theories for the name, but that which we find most plausible follows.

Around 1730, the Old Provincial Highway (now Route 340) was laid out to connect Philadelphia with Lancaster. Conestoga wagons hauled freight back and forth between the two cities. Providing rest for travelers and horses, taverns sprouted along the way, becoming centers for news, gossip, and commerce. The construction of a log tavern in 1754 at the intersection of Newport Road and the Highway took “Cross Keys” as its name.

It remained such until 1814, when the name was changed to Intercourse as part of a failed real estate scheme of a Mr. George Brungard, who had acquired 48 acres of nearby land and attempted to lay out a town site and divide it into sections for sale by a lottery, advertising “151 handsome building lots of $250 each to be drawn for by number.” Renaming the town made sense, as intercourse had a common usage referring to the pleasant mutual fellowship and frequent intermingling which were so common in the informal atmosphere of the quiet country village. Over time, Brungard’s scheme begat others. As recently as 1971, an enterprising soul tried to take advantage of the town’s name by selling deeds for one-inch square plots of Intercourse to visitors. Creative, but nonetheless a failure. By 1880, Intercourse had a population of 280 with a post office that actually moved among stores or restaurants as owners hoped visits by residents would increase their business.

The local stagecoach service started around 1898 as “a single horse conveyance similar to a market wagon, with a roll-up curtain and double set of seats.” When the stagecoach driver knew of passengers beforehand, their comfort on cold days was added to with the placement of hot bricks heated in the oven, and wrapped in newspaper to preserve their warmth.

As the days of the dirt road drew to a close, so too did the stagecoach era. In 1923 a transit company was organized and bus service initiated to and from Lancaster. While “many of the Amish residents of the area were eager to see the line started, they did not want to invest in stock of the Company. Instead they bought books of tickets which were really prepaid bus fares.” Enough money was raised to buy a Mack Auto Bus for $6,800. It held 25 passengers and even had solid rubber tires! Today Intercourse has been recognized as a “foodie” town by the Discover Lancaster Visitors Bureau. You'll soon discover why walking the streets of this tiny hamlet is an absolute must-visit for everyone.

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One place you simply cannot miss is Intercourse Canning Company, a regional favorite that is celebrating its 19th anniversary this July. Featuring a large variety of Amish-style pickled vegetables, jams, jellies, fruit, salsa, sauces, relishes, flavored coffee, gift items and more, the canning company is adored by foodies, both local and national. For many, it's become an essential stop on their trip to Lancaster County.

"It smells just like Grandma's kitchen," says a customer who stopped by during a canning demonstration (Wednesday – Saturday from 11am – 3pm). You may see Amish women cooking up signature items such as their Dutch Apple Maple Jam or trying out new and exciting recipes. Their cozy kitchen practices the art of preserving hand-crafted recipes, while offering other local delicacies as well. "We make our in-house products in small batches and you can really taste the difference in quality and flavor," says Mary, the store's kitchen manager.

Other featured brands besides their own include Jake & Amos®, Mrs. Miller's™, Golden Barrel® and other Pennsylvania Dutch favorites. Folks love to try the samples, which are always free. Intercourse Canning Company's "try before you buy" philosophy allows their guests to taste any of their products and decide for themselves if they'd like to buy a jar, or twelve (if they really like it)! Don't see the sample you want? Ask one of their friendly staff members and they'll be happy to open a fresh jar for you.

This month, experience Intercourse Canning Company's "July Food Festival" Anniversary Celebration, featuring free themed tasting events and exclusive one-day sales every Saturday. Taste homemade appetizers, main dishes and desserts highlighting ingredients you can find in their store, and enjoy live music on Fridays and Saturdays! You'll be sure to get some great ideas and recipes for your next picnic or dinner party!

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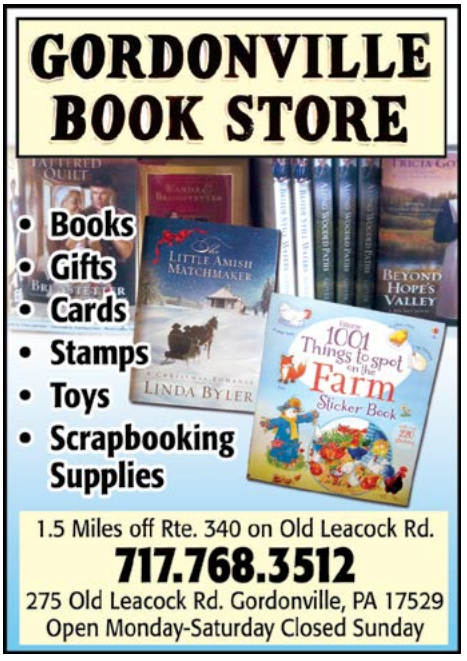

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Ask Uncle Amos: Why Do We See So Many Candles in Windows?

By Clinton Martin

Uncle Amos: Visitors often remark how lovely many local homes look with a candle burning brightly in every window. Of course, the vast majority of these are electric, but the warm glow still looks most attractive. Here is the best answer I can give you to this commonly asked question…

Many years ago I read a newspaper article about two Bed & Breakfast owners who had put candles in their windows for Christmas, as did many other people during the holiday season. But since they were B&B's, and candles were a traditional sign of welcome in the old days, they decided to keep the candles in their windows all year long to greet their overnight guests.

This certainly looked attractive from the road, and probably other local folks decided it would look nice in the windows of their homes year round as well. More people started to do it, and eventually it became a "common sight" across the county. So I guess the basic answer is...people do it because it looks nice.

The fact that so many visitors notice the candles proves the point of their attractiveness. I know some visitors have purchased electric window candles to take back home with them. So perhaps you'll start this tradition in your community, too!

Of course, we Amish enjoy having decorative candles in our homes, but few of us make them ourselves. I do have an Amish friend who works at The Old Candle Barn hand-dipping candles. When I went there to see him at work, I was amazed at what I found.

The Old Candle Barn carries many varieties of candles, from on-site hand-dipped traditional flame tapers, to the latest in battery powered look-alikes. I found wax candles in all shapes and sizes and colors, and with so many interesting scents. Walking around the store is a feast for the eyes and the nose.

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Ask Uncle Amos: What Do the Amish Do for Fun?

By Clinton Martin

Uncle Amos: We Amish enjoy having fun, and there really are many different ways we commonly spend our leisure time. Sports such as volleyball and baseball are well-liked, and going out to parks and nature preserves is common. Sometimes we even make long trips by train to go to museums and attractions. So the kids always love taking a ride on the Strasburg Rail Road.

Active layouts captivate people of all ages at the National Toy Train Museum.

At least once a year, I treat my family to the nearby National Toy Train Museum. From my visits, I know that trains have been captivating the imagination since the beginning of the industrial revolution in the early 1800s. Toy counterparts of those magnificent "iron horses" came not long after, with wooden and metal toy trains being built in Europe around the 1860s.

By the 1950s, it seemed like nearly every little boy in America had his own toy train set, and American manufacturers were enjoying a golden age of toy train enthusiasm. Today, toy trains are enjoyed by people of all ages, from those wishing to play and have fun with a set at home, to those who are collecting trains with an expert eye for spot-on scale models.

The National Toy Train Museum happens to celebrate both ends of the spectrum, and in so doing contains one of the most extensive toy train collections in the world. The museum is right at home in Amish Country, in the town of Strasburg, a place whose name is practically synonymous with chugging locomotives.

The museum is far from simply an array of displays to view and plaques to read. Every visitor can operate five train layouts by simply pushing buttons, with the controls placed so that even the youngest guests have an excellent view of the action.

Special exhibits, such as Harry's Hardware Store window and a Lionel Dealer's Exhibit, present arrangements of toy trains like they would have been seen in the old department stores, just like I remember seeing in downtown Lancaster when I was a boy.

Throughout the museum, toy trains are arranged by themes, such as old and rare historical, by track gauges, and many as they would be used in a hobbyist's layout.

The National Toy Train Museum is located just north of Route 741 on Paradise Lane. For GPS directions, use 300 Paradise Lane, in Paradise Township, PA. To get there without, just drive east on Route 741 out of Strasburg, and turn left at the first traffic light out of town, which is Paradise Lane. You'll cross the "Strasburg Rail Road" tracks, pass by the Red Caboose Motel, and the museum will be immediately on your right. Call 717.687.8976 or visit www.nttmuseum.org for more information.

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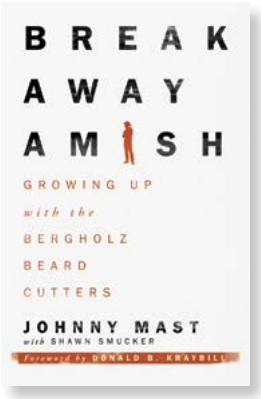
Bergholz Beard-Cutting Incident...Behind the Scenes

Special to Amish Country News

The strange case of the Amish beard-cutters five years ago thrust a normally quiet community into the national spotlight. The bizarre attacks seemed so out of character for a Christian community whose traditions emphasize nonviolence. Now, a new book tells the inside story: *Breakaway Amish: Growing Up with the Bergholz Beard Cutters* by Johnny Mast (with Shawn Smucker, Herald Press, $15.99 paper, July 12, 2016). Mast is the grandson of Bishop Sam Mullet, who led the attacks.



An excerpt: *Bergholz was a whole new world for me. I attended our Amish school, and we had a lot of fun. Because Sam, my own grandfather, was the bishop of the church, I felt I really belonged there. All the community events, like picnics or holiday meals, took place at his house. We were a tight group.*

There weren't any physical fences or gates that defined the edges of the community. People asked about that, after everything came out. I think people expected it to look like a compound, but it wasn't that way at all. Our Bergholz community was open, without any gates or walls to define it.

So there weren't any boundaries—not physical ones, anyway. But I've been back a few times since, and it's almost as if I can feel the trees closing in around me. Sam somehow managed to create the feeling of walls all around us. Invisible walls. Walls we would never be able to cross over, or get through. I guess that's why some people are still there. Those invisible walls.

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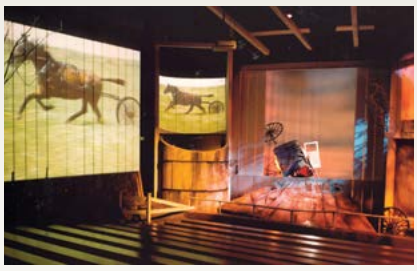

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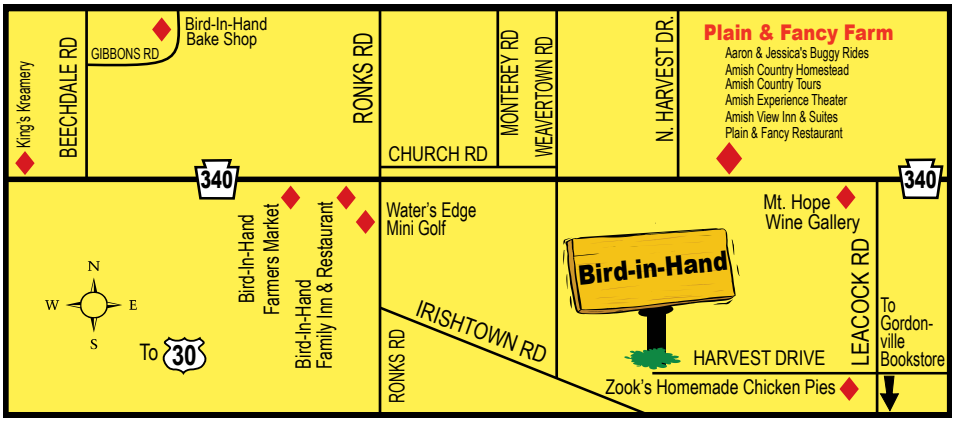
Of the many unique village names that dot the Amish Country map, one of the more interesting is Bird-in-Hand. William Penn, an English Quaker, had founded the colony of Penn's Woods, and settlers began arriving from Europe in the early 1700's, moving westward from Philadelphia. The trip by stagecoach, or Conestoga wagon with freight and merchandise, lasted several days. Inns were built every few miles, identified with signs held by an iron pole or attached to the side of the building. The reason for the signs was so that they could be understood by all nationalities. Further, since many teamsters or wagoneers were poorly educated they could not read. Given orders to stop at a certain inn, they were able to do so by recognizing the artwork on the signboard.



The legend of the naming of Bird-in-Hand dates to the time when the Old Philadelphia Pike was being laid out. By 1734, surveyors at McNabb's Hotel were discussing whether they should stay at their present location or return to Lancaster to spend the night. One of them said, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." The sign in front of the inn, which became known as the Bird-in-Hand Inn, is known to have once "portrayed a man with a bird in his hand and a bush nearby, in which two birds were perched."

Variations of this sign appear throughout the town today. McNabb's Hotel was destroyed by fire in 1851. By the following year, a three-story hotel was built to replace it. More recently, it was Bitzer's Hotel before becoming the present Village Inn of Bird-in-Hand, a beautiful bed and breakfast property. The Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County states that the existing brick building "may be one of the few 19th century inns in the context of a small town in Lancaster County, which survives with a high degree of architectural integrity." It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. When referring to their bird in hand symbol, some residents say that the bird nestled in the human hand indicates friendship, comfort, and hospitality, all of which you'll discover in this perfectly delightful little village of shops, farmers markets and eateries.

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Ask Uncle Amos: Are the "Amish" on TV Really Amish?

By Clinton Martin

Uncle Amos: I could say Amish people never go on TV, perform on the stage, draw attention to themselves, etc. but let's face it, one can rarely say "all" or "never" about any group of people. However, it would be highly unusual for an Amish person to even consider stepping into the limelight, attracting attention to himself, or appearing to be a spokesperson. Owning a TV, let alone appearing on one, just is not something the Amish do.

Reality TV often casts actors who grew up in an Amish family but never joined the Church.

That's not to say the Amish are ignorant of what's in the media. Many of us read newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals, or we find out what's going on in the world simply by chatting with our neighbors, both Amish and non-Amish. Reading opens up whole new worlds for us.

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Ask Uncle Amos: Amish on TV

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I know my daughters especially love reading fictional stories based in Amish Country, including (yes) those romance novels by Beverly Lewis. In fact, I noticed that the local Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant is staging a musical version of one of Beverly Lewis' most famous stories. The musical is called THE CONFESSION.

"The Confession" musical takes audiences into Beverly Lewis' Hickory Hollow, a fictional Lancaster County town, now through July 14.

My daughters tell me it is a captivating story of a young Amish woman who is caught in the middle of secrets and scandal, love lost and love found, and personal heartache and healing. Our "English" friends tell me that laughter breaks out when a New York actress tries to impersonate a "Plain" woman. In truth, I've heard nothing but good things about this show appearing in Bird-in-Hand.

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Amish Visit-in-Person Heritage Tour Schedule Expands

Special to Amish Country News

It's a first rate problem! That's what the management at the Amish Experience concluded when there were demands for a daytime version of its evening Amish Visit-in-Person Tour, a once-a-day excursion restricted to 14 guests per tour.

The "Amish V.I.P. Tour" provides an intimate, interactive experience directly with the Amish. Introduced experimentally in 2008 and greeted enthusiastically, the tour has continued to grow in demand and popularity. Some visitors actually take the tour multiple times so they can meet different Amish that might be included on any given tour night.

Limited to 14 people to assure a very special personal experience, for the first time in 2016, the Monday through Saturday tour has been expanded to include two daytime offerings July through Labor Day. Departure times for the daytime tours are 10:30 and 2:30. The traditional twilight tours will continue as always at 5:00 and are currently running through the end of October.

The tour highlights three aspects of Amish life --- on the farm, at work, and at home --- all within the span of three hours. But before this tour could be expanded, so did the number of "hosts," and with three stops per tour that meant a lot of additional Amish involvement.

"Over the past winter, our guide force supervisor spent several weeks traveling the backroads in search of new stops for the added tour times. There is a huge investment in time and resources to find Amish willing to receive visitors, and for us to meet personally with each family," says Brad Igou, president of the Amish Experience. "I don't think most people realize how much work is involved in planning and executing the tour with the dozens of potentially different routes and stops. It's not surprising that we are the only tour operator to offer this experience."

The first stop is at an Amish farm at milking time, where an Amish dairyman explains how the cows are milked and the milk chilled in the bulk tank, all without electricity. He also shares other details of the daily chores involved with farming Amish-style.

The second stop highlights an Amish "cottage industry." Fewer than half the Amish in Lancaster County are farmers and most Amish earn a living other than on the farm. A different "industry" is featured on each tour and may include a furniture maker, greenhouse, soap maker, harness shop, canning kitchen, basket weaver, mini-horse farm, or even a carriage maker, to name but a few. In some cases, there are demonstrations of the proprietor's craft.

The third VIP stop is the simplest, and often the most meaningful. For the Amish, to "visit" is simply to sit and chat for a while in someone's home, and that's exactly what happens when the group pulls up the lane to an Amish homestead. Guests enter somewhat reluctantly and, while conversation with strangers may be hesitant at first, by the end of the time spent together it is often difficult to pull guests away. Some visitors have even become friends with their Amish hosts, exchanging Christmas cards, recipes, and letters.

The Amish Experience VIP Tour has received the Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence Award and is the only tour designated as an Official Heritage Tour by Lancaster County, through its Planning Commission. The Commission administers a nationally acclaimed heritage program, which designates sites and even artisans as being authentic representations of aspects of local culture. Designation is through a rigorous process that includes interpretive and authenticity requirements, as well as being "visitor ready."

Igou summed up the experience. "We are honored to have received the Heritage Tour designation which recognizes what visitors on this tour have discovered. This is not about re-creating another culture, visiting a replica Amish farm, or having people dress up and impersonate characters. This is meeting real people, one-on-one, where they live and work. For the Amish, simplicity is often the key. And this tour is simply about people getting to know each other as they discover and learn to respect their differences. The stunning backdrop of the Amish farmlands is just icing on the cake."

Tours depart from the Amish Experience Theater at Plain & Fancy Farm, Route 340, between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse. Prices are $59.95 for adults and $39.95 for children 6-16. The tour is restricted to children age six and above. Advance reservations are strongly recommended. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Amish Experience Theater, or with Visa or MasterCard by phone (717) 768-8400, ext. 210, or online at www.amishexperience.com.

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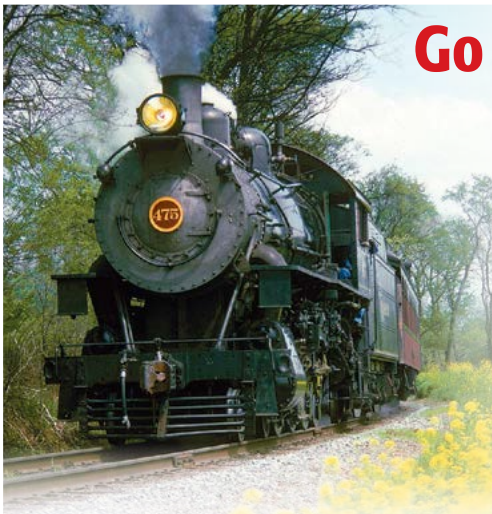

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While taking in the scenery that makes Amish Country famous is a main draw, relaxing aboard one of Strasburg Rail Road's First-Class cars adds an extra flair to special occasions, date night, girls' night out, or just an added treat for families.

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Ask Uncle Amos: What Does the Inside of an Amish House Look Like?

By Clinton Martin

Uncle Amos: Amish house interiors can vary quite a bit, especially by region or Amish sect. But to summarize, we're known as the Plain People, and that doesn't come from just our clothes and carriage alone. My house is built with modern materials, and furnished with some of the same items my "English" neighbors have in their homes. Still, my house does seem a bit "plain" when you consider there is no electricity, TV, computer, internet, or microwave, and I'm sure there are plenty of other differences. However, our plain homes aren't totally without decoration, style, and furnishings that make a house a home. In fact, my wife has picked out some of our favorite home accents at Jake's Country Trading Post.

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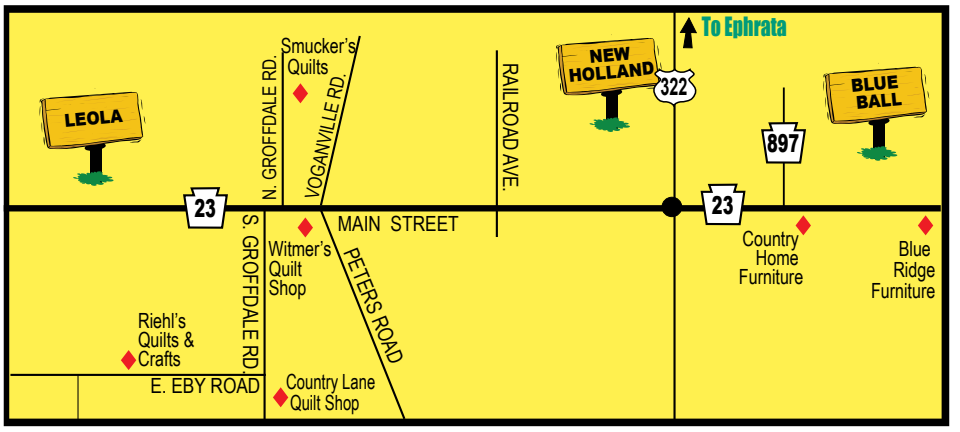


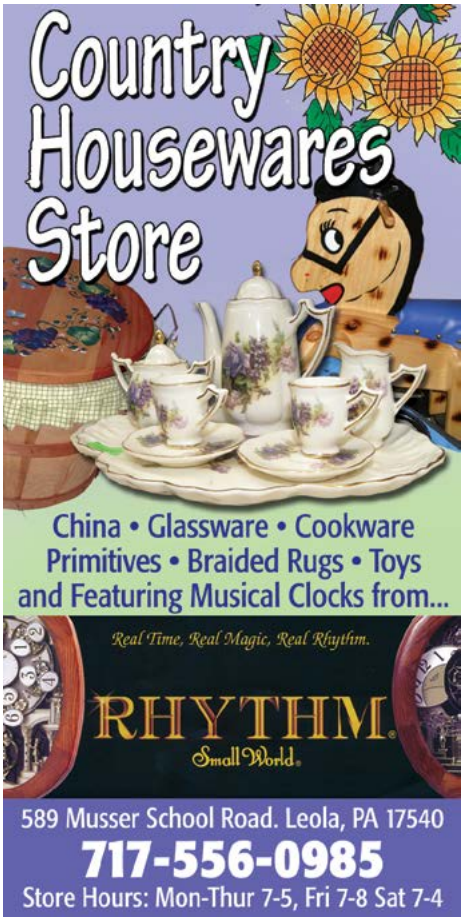
The instability in Europe in the late 1600's spawned and nurtured the pioneer interest in the deep forest lands of Pennsylvania. In 1681 William Penn received his 40,000 square-mile land grant to settle King Charles' debt to his father. Himself a Quaker, Penn had experienced religious persecution firsthand, and decided to establish his American colony based on complete religious freedom.

This entire century had been one of continued misery for the peasants of the Palatinate (western Germany). The Thirty Years War had raged across the area with barbaric ruthlessness. The peasant inhabitants fled to nearby Holland for refuge. And within a decade of the end of that conflict, King Louis XIV of France started a new religious war in the same general area. These Palatinate peasants were exhausted by war's desolation, and were ripe for a new start. Traveling land agents for William Penn's new colony found listening ears. In addition to religious freedom and a peaceful existence, Penn offered cheap land. The stated price was 100 English pounds for 5,000 acres.

By 1728, William Penn had been dead for 10 years and his American colony, called Pennsylvania, was being administered by a proprietary governor while the sale of land was formalized by patent deeds.

In 1802, when a post office was established and an official name was necessary, there was no objection to naming the town New Holland. These grateful people remembered how extremely kind the inhabitants of Holland were to them, and the assistance that included funds to cover the cost of the refugee German immigrants' ocean voyage.

This was no small matter when the alternative was indentured service for a period of years. For adults, indenture frequently meant four to seven years of labor without pay. Minors served until their 21st birthday. But still, William Penn's Quaker Pennsylvania was liberation compared to the Europe they fled seeking freedom of religion, assembly and speech for all, hopefully, none of which we take for granted today.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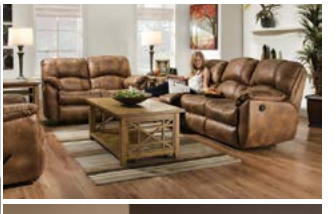

Ask Uncle Amos: Are the PA Dutch People From Holland?

By Clinton Martin

Uncle Amos: PA Dutch is often used to describe the Amish, Mennonites, and other religious groups that came to America from Germany and Switzerland. But while the Plain People are under this umbrella, PA Dutch actually describes a far wider variety of German-speaking people… Catholics, Lutherans, etc. all of whom settled here in Pennsylvania, in addition to the Plain Communities.

In Lancaster County today, visitors see the heritage of both the "Plain" and the "Fancy" PA Dutch. The "Fancy Dutch," as the contemporary PA Dutch were called, brought with them many cultural icons of their German homeland, including specifically an affinity for brewing beer.

From history books, I've learned that prior to Prohibition, Lancaster was known as the "Munich of America" because of the plethora of PA Dutch families brewing beer commercially in the city. Today, the art of craft brewing is as celebrated as ever in Lancaster County.

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Ask Uncle Amos: The Amish Are All Farmers, Right?

By Clinton Martin

Uncle Amos: I grew up on a farm, and many of my relatives still farm for a living, but here in Lancaster County more than half of the Amish make their living doing something other than farming. While these families might have a garden, and maybe even a few head of livestock, their main income could come from any number of different vocations.

While farming commercially might not be viable for a small Amish homestead, we do appreciate being able to work at home among our family members or to work for other Amish, if possible. So, "cottage industries" have sprung up throughout Amish Country, many family-based mini-manufacturers making a variety of products.

I'm one of the Amish who doesn't farm for a living anymore. My brother owns a furniture business, and I work for him. We make dining room tables, chairs, buffets, servers, even a kitchen island with a built-in beverage rack. All the products are handmade using no electricity (compressed air is a fine substitute for electricity to power our tools). In my humble opinion what we make is of exceptional quality, and that quality is always critical to us.

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Ask Uncle Amos: Where Can I Stay? Eat? And What is a Whoopie Pie Anyway?

By Clinton Martin

Uncle Amos: I haven't slept in any local hotels, but I do eat out for a special treat. I enjoy the food and taking advantage of the senior discount at Hershey Farm Restaurant. But there's an inn on site too, which I've only heard good things about. Oh, and whoopie pies are just about my favorite dessert…

Hershey Farm is named after founder, Ed Hershey, and not the famous Chocolate Town not far from here. Hershey Farm is a restaurant to some, an inn to others, a boutique store, garden center, country farmland oasis, and direct link (with private drive) to Sight & Sound Theatre. So this really is a unique complex which truly combines all of the above.

Hershey Farm Restaurant offers delicious, locally inspired, down-home PA Dutch cooking (nearly as good as my mom's, but don't tell her I said that). However, the chefs also welcome influences from other American traditions. A famous smorgasbord put the restaurant on the map, but menu dining for smaller appetites or specific requests is available. So both the all-you-care-to-eat, and the just-one-plate diners can enjoy their favorites.

Talking to my "English" neighbors, I hear the Inn is cozy, clean, family-friendly – a classic way to stay in Amish Country. The amenities certainly cross off the boxes of the expected, but there are many delightful treats available to Hershey Farm's guests that you just don't find at a run-of-the-mill motel. With a full 23 acres of fertile country farmland, special pursuits for guests include a one-mile walking trail, a fishing pond, farm animals, a playground, a swimming pool, and even a butterfly house.

While the restaurant and inn are well-loved, perhaps the most famous aspect of Hershey Farm these days is the bustling on site bakery. Hershey Farm's bakery is known for made-from-scratch home-style PA Dutch delicacies, led far and away by their world-renowned Whoopie Pies. The bakery always carries the traditional Whoopie Pies we all love, but each month the creative minds in the bakery create an exclusive Whoopie Pie of the Month. You'll find combinations of flavors no one else has even dreamed of, including us Amish!

For instance, a recent month was all about color, splash, and sizzle. The Whoopie Pie of the Month was a delightful Confetti with Chocolate Filling creation, something like a birthday cake, yet completely its own. The bright sprinkled confetti was reminiscent of childhood cakes and treats, but the whipped chocolate filling between the two cakes brought a modern elegance, totally a grown-up taste.

Obviously, I hope you'll enjoy your Whoopie Pie of the Month on site, but in case you can't, Hershey Farm does ship Whoopie Pies by the dozen, ordered via the internet or over the phone. Go ahead and have a dozen overnighted to your home for a taste of Amish Country right out of the box. And don't forget their Whoopie Pie Festival on September 10th this year!

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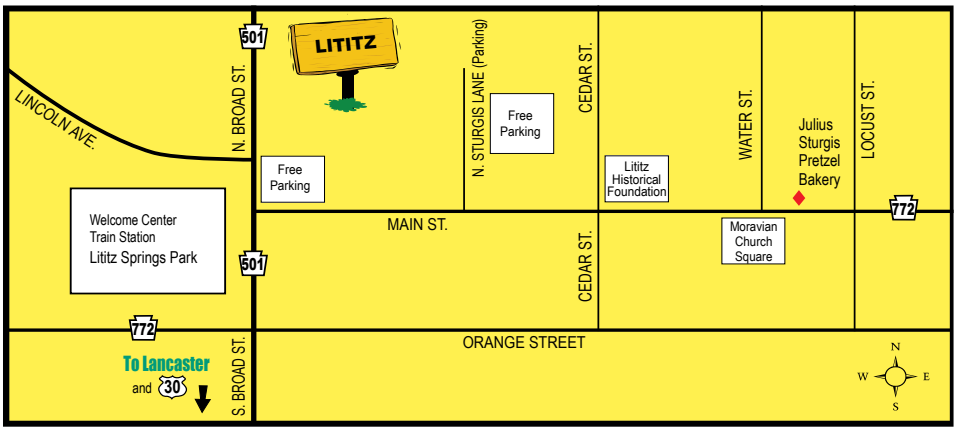

There really is no place quite like Lititz, and visitors should plan time there while in Amish Country. The Lititz story is tied to that of the Moravian faith in Bohemia. As was the case with other persecuted religious groups in Europe, many Moravians sought freedom in the New World, arriving in the early 1700's, with settlements in Pennsylvania and North Carolina. In 1755 the town actually took the name Lititz, the German spelling for Lidice, where European reformers had taken refuge in the 15th century.

Music and education were important to the Moravians. In fact, the Lititz schoolhouse erected in 1746 marked the beginnings of what was to be Linden Hall, the oldest continuously operating residence school for girls in the United States.

For one hundred years, Moravian church members were the only people permitted to live in the town. It was not until 1855 that non-Moravians were allowed to own their own homes. The complex of buildings comprising the Moravian congregation is well worth seeing, particularly the church built in 1787.

One name is linked forever with the history of Lititz -- Julius Sturgis. It was Julius Sturgis who opened the first commercial pretzel bakery in the New World in Lititz. The year was 1861, and the site at 219 East Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places. A tour of the bakery, still in operation, is unlike any other and well worth your time.

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Myths About the Amish

by Brad Igou

In this series, we will deal with several of the more understandable misconceptions about the Amish, many of which may have some truth to them, and try to give a more balanced explanation. The reader should keep in mind that Amish customs vary a great deal across the USA, and much of what follows is focused on the Lancaster Amish settlement, the oldest in the Nation.

"Graven Images, Photos, and Dolls" – Part 1

It is difficult to spend much time visiting our Amish countryside without hearing at least something concerning the Amish aversion to having their photographs taken. Yet, clearly some visitors do return home with pictures of local Amish, whether ignorant of Amish wishes or simply refusing to respect them.

The Second Commandment, speaking to the making of "graven images," is most frequently cited as the reason for this strong Amish belief… "Thou shalt not make to thyself a graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven or in the earth beneath."

But the Amish often have calendars, books, magazines and newspapers with pictures in them. Some Amish enjoy sketching, and Amish have even become known for their folk art. Mirrors are found in Amish homes. In a way, should these materials not also be interpreted as "graven images?" It seems there may be more to this than the simple mandates of the Second Commandment.

Let's begin with an interesting story concerning Christian Beck, who came to America from Bern, Switzerland, in the mid-1800's. One of his sons secretly brought his dog along on the ship, something not allowed. During the voyage the dog had puppies, as was discovered by the captain. But the kind captain merely selected one for his own and, "reaching into his pocket, he handed John a silver dollar and a daguerreotype (an early type of photograph) of himself. When the father heard of this, he took both the dollar and the picture from the boy. It was wrong to have the picture, according to Amish beliefs…" So writes, David Luthy in perhaps the earliest story about the Amish and photographs.

Between 1862 and 1878, general conferences of Amish ministers were held in order to reconcile differences among certain Amish settlements. In minutes from the second meeting in 1863 in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, Solomon Yoder is on record as opposing photographs, which had just recently been perfected.

In 1865, the conference meeting in Holmes County, Ohio, drew up a "Discipline of 11 Articles." Article 3 reads in part that the conference "decided not to allow…carrying hidden on one's person photographic pictures of human likenesses or hanging them on the wall to look at in our houses." There is apparently no mention of a Scriptural basis for this, such as the Second Commandment. Decorating homes with "large mirrors" was also deemed improper.

In 1910, preacher John D. Kauffman of Missouri wrote of his worry over photographs, with the concern centering on pride and vain displays in the home. One Lancaster Amishman says that around the turn of the century, some newlywed Amish couples were having wedding pictures taken in photo salons. Some of these were actually on display in a local museum a few years ago. These photographs, especially if displayed in the home, demonstrated a lack of humility. All of this influenced the ban on photographs.

In 1933, the daughter of an Amish deacon sat for a photograph. She repented, confessed, and was forgiven by the congregation. The deacon's daughter gave the photos to her father to burn, but he reportedly said, "They look too lifelike, I cannot put them in the stove." (There have been similar voluntary confessions of having been photographed into the 1980's.)

In 1950, the Amish church of Pike County, Ohio, actually printed their church rules and ordinances (Ordnung) in English, which is not often done. It stated quite simply, "No photographs."

In 1974, at the 8th Annual Old Order Amish Steering Committee Meeting in Wisconsin, the minutes noted that when the Amish travel from Canada to the USA, photographs were not required due to a special document the Committee had, which exempted them "if religiously opposed to photographs."

Nowadays, the most common explanation given for their aversion to photographs is similar to that offered by the Discover Lancaster Visitors Bureau… "Many Amish believe that photographs in which they can be recognized violate the Biblical commandment, 'Thou shalt not make unto thyself a graven image.' Please follow our lead in taking no photographs in which faces are recognizable."

Calvin George Bachman, in his 1942 *Old Order Amish of Lancaster County*, offers the idea that all this may even date back to a time in Europe and Germany when people believed that you might die if you had your portrait painted. This is similar to an idea that persists even to this day among some "primitive" cultures that a photograph robs the soul. But he admits this may have nothing to do with the Amish beliefs concerning photos today.

Although the Second Commandment is indeed often cited, Bachman writes that "photographs are an evidence of pride, in which people are tempted to look at a likeness of themselves with self-admiration… Pictures, they say, represent simply the outward appearance, which is temporary; and in paying too much attention to the passing, there is always danger of losing sight of the eternal and the spiritual."

He also noted that the main objection was to sitting or willingly posing for a picture. Thus, passport photos and public school class photos including Amish children do exist, as this was "part of a program." But now that the Amish have their own private schools, there are no class photos, and certainly no "yearbooks."

Interestingly Bill Coleman, in his 1988 book of spectacular photographs, *Amish Odyssey*, writes this concerning taking a picture of an Amish woman in a carriage…

I had hoped that the fog and the distance had kept me relatively anonymous. In fact I was certain of it. Yet when the buggy passed, a woman leaned out and said very clearly, "You have stolen my soul." The hurt stayed with me a long time. Though I've heard it a few times since from others, it is that woman in the fog who stays in my memory.

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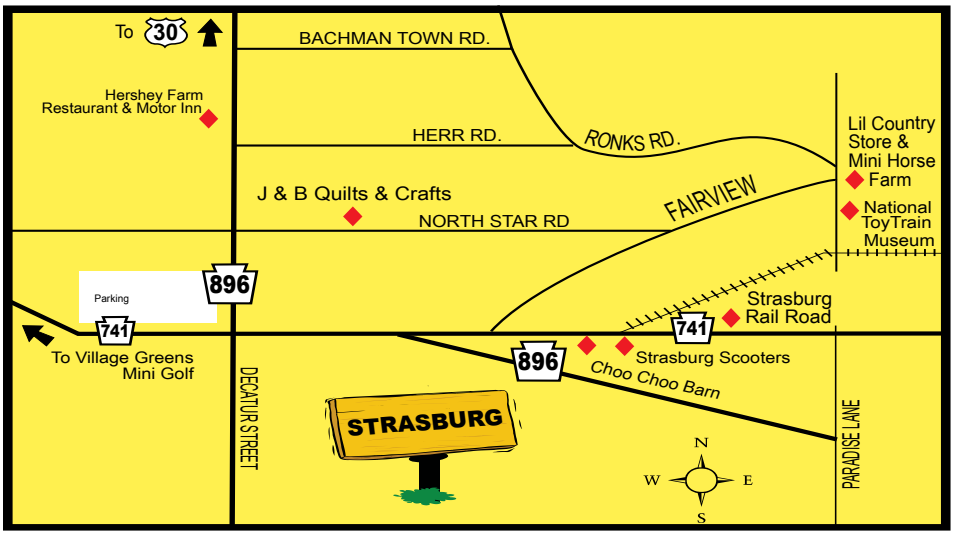
All aboard! Strasburg is a destination all its own in Dutch Country, home to many well known attractions. To name just a few --- the Strasburg Rail Road, Ghost Tours of Lancaster, National Toy Train Museum, and the Choo Choo Barn. But you may not know much about the interesting history of "Train Town."

Strasburg, named for the city in France, was actually "founded" by a Frenchman, Pierre Bezaillion, who traded with the Delaware Indians. The story goes he came to the area in 1693, as French fur traders opened up the first path through this area from Philadelphia to the Susquehanna River.



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As Strasburg flourished, so did its neighbor to the east, Philadelphia. The commercial interests of Philadelphia pressured the State Legislature to improve the transportation network into their city. As a result, a series of canals along with the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Roads were constructed. Strasburg residents became alarmed at the possibility of losing their commercial position and there soon emerged a charter for the Strasburg Rail Road to construct a rail line connecting Strasburg with the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road main line near Paradise. Finally in the 1850's, trains were hauling freight and passengers.

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Ask Uncle Amos: What Do the Amish Do On Sunday?

By Caleb Bressler

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After church, we have a fairly simple meal. It has to be when you have as many as 150 people in your house for lunch! But there's a Sunday brunch that you English have that is, well, quite extravagant.

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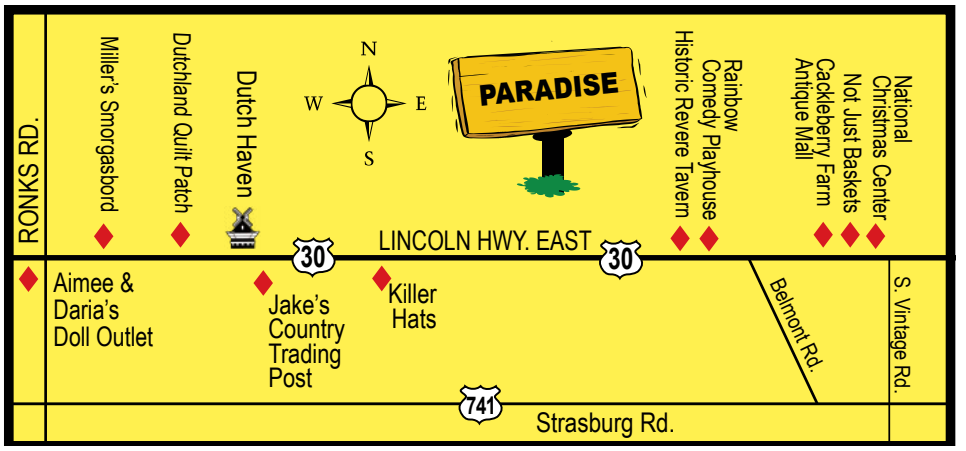

Visitors to Lancaster from the east on Route 30 travel through Paradise. The town's story traces back to Europe over 300 years ago, to the area of the Palatinate in Germany where Protestants had settled following the declaration of King Louis XIV that all Protestants in France would be persecuted. Fearing a French invasion, many accepted the invitation to settle in the New World in William Penn's colony of Penn's Woods. By 1712, they had secured land in Lancaster's Pequea Valley as the area's first white people, living peaceably with local Indians.

The origins of Route 30, also known as "Lincoln Highway," date back to Lancaster's Colonial days when the frontier county needed a highway to connect it with the provincial capital of Philadelphia. The first road that was constructed is now Route 340, still referred to as the "Old Philadelphia Pike." Soon, it was apparent that this road was insufficient to handle the increasing traffic, and in 1790, a commission to survey a new route was created. Since the cost was too much for the state to undertake, the company charged with building it was given the power to demand "reasonable" tolls from users. Investors received dividends earned from tolls collected along the gates of the turnpike. (As the toll was paid, the gate or "pike" was turned, hence the term "turnpike"). The "Lincoln Highway" (Route 30) opened in 1795 as the first long-distance, hard surfaced road in the country. Taverns and stagecoach stops grew up along the turnpike for weary travelers. Of these, the Revere Tavern, dating back to 1740 and originally called the "Sign of the Spread Eagle," still proudly stands today. In 1841, the tavern became the residence of Reverend Edward V. Buchanan and his wife Eliza Foster Buchanan. Eliza was the sister of Stephen Foster, whose immortal songs will always be a part of Americana. Foster not only penned music at the tavern, but sent many of his manuscripts to Eliza, also a talented musician, for her approval. On the banks of the Pequea Creek, Eliza and Stephen played many of Stephen's 200 songs, including "Way Down Upon the Suwannee River" and "Oh! Susanna." Wherever you happen to call "paradise," we hope that a little bit of our own Paradise won't do you any harm!

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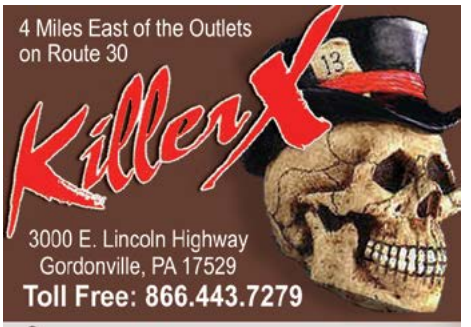

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Zook's Homemade Chicken Pies... Rapturous Reviews Revealed

By Clinton Martin

There's only one thing I enjoy more than reading reviews for Zook's Homemade Chicken Pies...

Surprise ---it's eating the delicious, flaky-crust meat pies myself! But, it is fun to read the musings of visitors.

Nestled just one mile off scenic Route 340 at the intersection of Old Leacock Road and Harvest Drive, more and more visitors each day are taking the little side trip from Intercourse or Bird-in-Hand to uncover these delightful take-and-bake pies, perfect for dinner in an RV, at a campsite, or in a hotel room equipped with a kitchen. Or of course, simply at home (visitors who have a distance to drive can pick up a cool bag and cool packs at Zook's.)

The newest Zook's super-fan is "GingerSnap" from Harrisburg…

Amazingly good! For anyone that likes chicken (pot)pies... this is the place for you! And for anyone that says Pa Dutch food is 'bland' or 'plain' this will make you think twice about such statements!! Pies were easy to make. 35mins in the oven at 350'F.

Chicken is amazingly delicious. Rightfully a favorite of customers and the Amish lady that sold us the pies. Pies have a delicate mild flavor but it's also complex and rich without being overbearingly so.

Also had the sausage pie... very potato-y but again a good balance. The crust is a little more airy. The sausage is cut sausage. The chicken crust is great but has more of a cracker / crispy crust. You can tell the pies are homemade. Just amazingly good. Oh yeah and they take VISA!!!

I'd recommend you developing your own review. Start by making the short jaunt to Zook's (3194 Harvest Drive, Ronks.) You can call (717) 768-0239 to leave a message (Amish establishment.) The bakery store is open daily except Sundays. Remember, this is not a restaurant. You buy the pie fresh or frozen and then finish baking it yourself. The result is a delicious, quick and easy meal. Happy eating!

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The Magic of the Lantern at Plain & Fancy Farm

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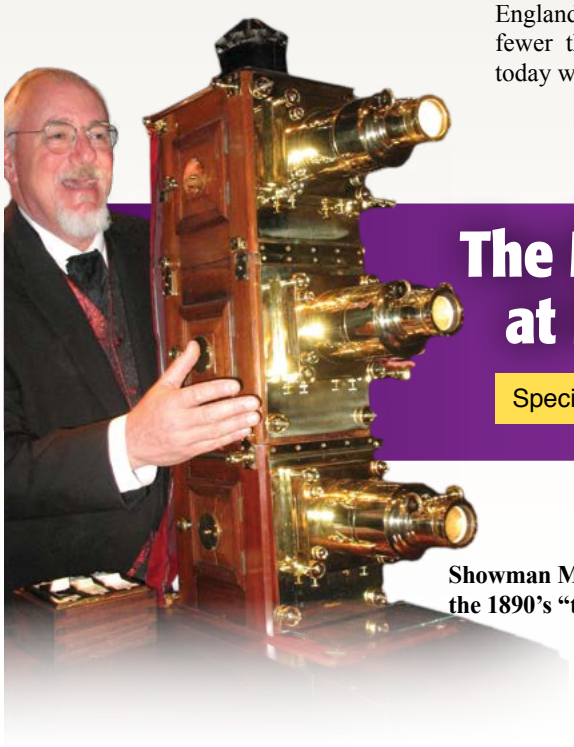
Magic Lantern performances, although foreign to modern day audiences, were the most popular form of entertainment in America in the late 1800s, before there were movies. Using a gorgeous wood and brass antique lantern, the performers or "Showmen" would take their audiences on a journey unlike anything they had experienced before.

Weaving tales of drama, mystery and comedy, these Showmen projected remarkably detailed hand-painted images on screens measuring as tall as two stories. Indeed, a show's success depended upon the Showman's ability to capture the attention and the imagination of his audience, as he deftly manipulated oversized glass slides in and out of lanterns possessing one, two, or in rare cases, even three sets of lenses from which special effects could be created to enhance the illusion of the Showman's story.

The Magic Lantern season begins July 1 with Sullivan's lively interpretation of the Patriotic Show, "This Is My Country," which traces the history of the United States from its early beginnings through the 19th century. The tale is told through the eyes of seven generations of the Sullivan family, whose images are among the over 100 that appear to highlight and transition theater goers from the landing at Plymouth Rock to the emotional revelation of two brothers on opposite sides of the Civil War.

The Theater is fortunate to actually own two magnificent lanterns dating back to the 1800s, known as triunials, for the three separate and distinct lenses available to the Showman in performance. Both lanterns were made in England and are believed to be two of the fewer than 100 such lanterns in existence today worldwide.



Showman Mark Sullivan with the 1890's "triunial" lantern.

In the grandest traditions of these Magic Lanternists, Mark Sullivan, resident Showman and Artistic Director at the Plain & Fancy Theater, RT 340, east of Lancaster between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse, brings decades of theatrical experience to his role as "Professor Phineas T. Firefly." Mark's resume includes extensive credits as a comic actor, writer and director. He has performed at Disney World, created and directed the "Congo Comedy Corps" at Busch Gardens in Tampa, in addition to his time most recently spent at the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire where he served as artistic director. Mark likes to tell his audience members that if he can't make them laugh, they better check their pulse!

Integral to the telling of "This Is My Country" is the soundtrack created for the show, which is comprised of both original pieces and period favorites, including "Pineapple Rag" and "Lincoln and Liberty." This musical feast was even nominated for a Grammy Award this year. The Showman's animated performance, a fascinating story to which so many can readily relate, the unusual musical soundtrack which seamlessly fits the show, and surprising special effects all combine to captivate audiences today, just as they did decades ago.

The Patriotic Show runs until September 3rd, Tuesdays through Saturdays with evening performances at 7pm. Tickets are available online at MagicLanternTheater.com and by phone at 717.768.8400 Ext. 213.

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When Bonnets Were Banned

By Brad Igou

Some iconic "symbols" immediately come to mind when we think of the Amish, such as the horse and buggy… and the bonnet. In fact, Lancaster's original family-style restaurant, Plain & Fancy Farm, uses the Amish bonnet in its logo. The bonnet has in some ways bridged the "plain" and "fancy" cultures.

So for our July issue, I went back to a question quite a few of our readers have asked, "Have Amish women always worn bonnets?" An Amish friend of mine (you might say he's my "Uncle Amos") became so interested in this question that he did some research of his own to add to mine. We were surprised by what we found.

The bonnet is relatively "new" in terms of 400 years of Amish history. In Europe women commonly worked in the fields. They wore flat straw hats in the German Palatinate where many Amish had settled before coming to America.

Dr. Alfred L. Shoemaker claims the Amish bonnet is really "an adaptation of the Quaker bonnet, which was introduced into Pennsylvania from England around 1800. Before then the flat hat was worn---straw in summer and felt in winter."

The first "Amish mention" of bonnets we found was in 1847, when an Amish girl had to make a confession in church for wearing a bonnet, after which she was directed to "put it away."

So what did Amish women wear before the bonnet?

A Lancaster County Amishman known as "Mechanicsburg Johnnie" wrote…

When my mother was young, she wore a beaver hat. They were woolen, had wide brims, and just a small head. They also wore straw hats the same size. They tied the brim down on the side with strings.

The fact that Amish women wore hats into the middle 1800's, and that bonnets were forbidden in the Amish church, is virtually unknown by Amish today. But we did manage to obtain these recollections…

An Amish woman in Ohio wrote us...

My mother was born in 1896. My grandmother was born about 1850. She told my mother that Amish women wore wide brimmed hats with a scarf or length of cloth tied over top of the head and under the chin, bringing the sides down over the ears. Women's bonnets were so colorful and elaborate and fancy that it was easy to understand why they were banned among the Amish women. Simple hats were more appropriate for Plain women.

Also from Ohio...

Mother used to tell me that she and her sisters used to wear straw hats to go to church. Mother said that their hats were rather tattered and torn. It was the time when some were beginning to wear bonnets. So her mother decided that since their hats were so worn looking, she would make the three little girls bonnets. She was putting the finishing touches to them when their dad came in and she had them all three lying on the sewing machine. He asked her, "What are you doing, Mom?" She said, "Well, the little girls' hats are not very good anymore. I thought I would make them bonnets since we are going to a [church] district that is new to us." He just up and said, "If you just want to dreib hochmut (promote pride), I can take care of that." He disposed of all three of them. He looked at bonnets as being worldly. Mother was born in 1883, and I was eleven when her mother died. So this would have been between 1883 and 1894.

Finally this from Holmes County, Ohio Amish...

In 1869, when grandmother was eleven years old, her grandparents planned to go away on a Saturday evening, and grandmother was also going along. When she and her grandmother went out to go, father looked up at his wife and said, "Where did you get that bonnet?" She said, "Her hat is not fit anymore to go away." He said, "We are not going away with that bonnet." They did not go. She told me she cried all evening. The bonnet was forbidden. They were stylish and were just starting to be used by the Amish women in that area.

The influence of worldly fashions and the importance of Plain dress are still a part of the balancing act that is Amish culture today. But now, of course, there are other more pressing challenges from the "outside world," such as smartphones and the internet. So perhaps in time, the fact that Amish women have not always worn bonnets will be forgotten… except by Uncle Amos and a handful of Amish grandmothers.

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